(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Dumping of seeds by multinational Corporations under new seeds import policy

354. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently given a Carteblanche to multinational Corporations to dump their seeds without necessary quarantine facilities and seeds of a possible biological nightmare in the new seed import policy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) how far it is likely to affect the food production in the country; and

(d) whether Government propose to reverse its decision; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Increase in the Import Duty on Newsprint

355. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to increase import duty on newsprint to 40 per cent in the near future;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the increase of import duty on newsprint would be disastrous consequences for the press and further decline in the growth of circulation of newspapers in the country; and

(d) whether Government propose to withdraw the proposed duty to save the newspapers; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) *Do not arise.*

Permission for skyscrappers in Delhi

356. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to allow skyscrappers in Delhi in violation of the Master Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that there has been a strong resentment against this policy;

(d) if so, whether some changes are going to be made in the matter; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (e) Guidelines about regulating high rise construction in Delhi have been recently issued by the Government after considering various points of view. Concerned local bodies have advised to incorporate these guidelines in their bye-laws and regulations after completing the prescribed legal formalities which include the issue of public notices inviting suggestions and objections